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SUBJECT: INTERRUPTION OF PUBLICATION OF P.E.N. PRISONER  
LISTS

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1. UNLIKE THE PATTERN OF THE PREVIOUS SIX WEEKS, THE  
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR DID NOT ISSUE A FRIDAY PODER  
EJECUTIVO NACIONAL (PEN) DETAINEE LIST ON MARCH 17  
OR ON MARCH 24.

2. WE HAD EXPECTED THAT THE PEN PRISONER LIST FOR CORDOBA  
PENITENTIARY WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY, AS THE EMBASSY  
HAD RECEIVED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS (FOWG) INFORMATION THAT A NUMBER OF  
DISAPPEARED U.S. HIGH INTEREST CASES HAD RECENTLY  
APPEARED AS PEN PRISONERS IN CORDOBA.

3. OUR ESTIMATE, BASED ON MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR  
DATA SHOWS A TOTAL 3,829 PRISONERS UNDER THE PEN AS OF  
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MARCH 18, 1978. THE NAMES OF 2,993 OF THESE  
DETAINEES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE SIX PRISON LISTS  
ISSUED TO DATE. THUS, ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF THE

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INTERIOR STATISTICS, AT LEAST 836 PRISONERS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

4. A FOWG OFFICIAL EXPLAINED TO THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 20 THAT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS PUBLISHED THE NAMES OF ALL PEN PRISONERS HELD IN "FEDERAL PENAL FACILITIES ". THE REMAINING PEN PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO THIS OFFICIAL, ARE HELD IN PROVINCIAL PRISONS WHICH ARE NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. (THE CORDOBA PRISONS ARE PROVINCIAL, NOT FEDERAL FACILITIES.) THE FOWG OFFICIAL DIPLOMATICALLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NAMES OF THE DETAINEES IN PROVINCIAL PRISONS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED; BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO SPECULATE WHEN.

5. A SENIOR MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OFFICIAL INFORMED EMBASSY ON MARCH 27 THAT A FINAL LIST OF PEN PRISONERS HELD IN PROVINCIAL JAILS WULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS IT WAS COMPLETED. THE TASK WAS COMPLICATED BY THE MANY SMALL PENAL FACILITIES INVOLVED THROUGHOUT ARGENTINA AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS INVOLVED. CASTRO

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